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I believe I am the original, first and [ ] sole/[x] joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **Magnetic Disk Drive Storage System**, the specification of which

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**Acknowledgment of Duty of Disclosure**

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understood the content of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of the subject matter claimed in this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56(a).

**35 U.S.C. § 120**

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) or 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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**Claim for Priority**

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**Provisional Application**

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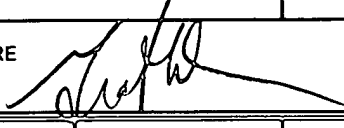
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